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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Rita Hall

Others Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Division

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,159.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 1, 2006 were approved with the following corrections:

CHAIR'S REPORT

Second paragraph:the Commission gave voted to donate

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 25, 2006 MINUTES

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Corbett, staff, reported the following:

1. The sympathy cards for Assemblywoman Karen Bass and US Forest Service Firefighters were prepared for the Commissioners' signatures.
2. The "Do Not Refer" list of group homes was requested of Mr. Alan Henry of the State Community Care Licensing and was referred to Ms. Elizabeth Howard of DCFS. Her staff will fax the list upon approval of Ms. Howard.
3. 120 copies of the Commission brochure were distributed to the Commissioners.
4. The reservation to Taix Restaurant was rearranged in a private room for the Commission's Christmas Party on December 7, 2006 for 16 people. Chair Montano requested the presence of Ms. Sherry Scates and the message was relayed to her daughter.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

San Gabriel Children's Center – 98, #1

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on November 6, 2006 and found no one at home.

LA Youth Network – 61, #3

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on November 7, 2006 and found it is a nice home. There were some areas of concern. The rugs were torn in three places. There is a need to paint the stairs, to touch up bathroom, and to put contact paper in the cabinet under the sink. The Commissioners were made aware of a problem with the children not receiving their bus passes on time – sometimes arriving two weeks late.

Bermudez CDS/ISS

Commissioner Bacio visited this probation school on November 2, 2006 and found it is a nicely run school. It is situated in a light industrial area and the building was formerly an office with a warehouse. It has family education, science, mathematics and language arts classes.

Cesar Chavez School CDS

Commissioner Bacio visited this school on November 7, 2006 and found it to be a nice place facility. It was formerly an elementary Catholic school. It has three classrooms and one is a computer lab.

Moore's Cottage – 46, #2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on November 2, 2006 and found all recommendations in the audit report had been carried out.

Shamrock Cottage – 65, #1

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on November 7, 2006 and found it is a nice home. A rating of **satisfactory** was given.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments with the Commissioners for the following week.

She complimented staff, Audra Galang, for a job well done in preparing the sympathy cards for Assemblywoman Karen Bass and US Forest Service Firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett
Staff